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## Primary Healthcare Advisory Board

December 15, 2003

Jane G. Sauls, Chairman  
Leon County Board of County Commissioners  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Chairman Sauls:

The Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board respectfully request your consideration of the addition of the modification of Section 212.055(7) F.S., Voter-Approved Indigent Care Surtax, as a Leon County legislative priority.

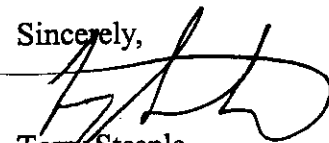
The Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board supports the modification of Section 212.055(7) F.S., as a possible alternative to the Primary Healthcare Program Municipal Services Taxing Unit property tax.

We request that Section 212.055(7) be modified as follows: "The governing body in each county that has a population of less than 800,000 residents may levy an indigent care surtax pursuant to an ordinance either approved by an extraordinary vote of the governing body or by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum" (Proposed new language in Italics and underlined).

Sections 212.055(3) F.S., Small County Surtax, 212.055(4)(a) F.S., Indigent Care and Trauma Center Surtax, and 212.055(5) F.S., County Public Hospital Surtax, all provide that the surtax may be enacted by either an extraordinary vote of the governing body or by a majority vote of the electors of the county voting in a referendum. Making the suggested change to Section 212.055(7), F. S., would bring consistency to the surtax statutes.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Terry Steaple,  
Chairman

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